

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method, comprising the steps of:
providing a set of predetermined function definitions
5 which are different;

storing a project definition which includes: a
plurality of function portions which each correspond to one
of said function definitions in said set, and which each
define at least one input port and at least one output port
10 that are functionally related according to the
corresponding function definition; a further portion which
includes a source portion identifying a data source and
defining an output port through which data from the data
source can be produced, and which includes a destination
15 portion identifying a data destination and defining an
input port through which data can be supplied to the data
destination; and binding information which includes binding
portions that each associate a respective said input port
with one of said output ports; and

20 executing said project definition, including the step
of transmitting a communication through a communications
link.

2. A method according to Claim 1, including the step
25 of carrying out said transmitting step as said executing
step is completing.

3. A method according to Claim 1, including the step
of formatting said communication as an electronic mail
30 message.

4. A method according to Claim 1, including the step
of configuring said communications link to include a
network.

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5. A method according to Claim 4, including the step of configuring said network to include a portion of the Internet.

5 6. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said transmitting step includes the step of causing one of said function portions to send the communication.

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destination; and binding information which includes binding
portions that each associate a respective said input port
with one of said output ports; and

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10. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 7, wherein said program is operable when executed to cause one of said function portions to effect said transmission of said communication.

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